CRICKET AT THE MCG
Last week our Grade 5/6 T20 Blast Girls team won their competition in Swan Hill which means that they will compete in Melbourne at the MCG on Tuesday. Congratulations to our T20 Blast team comprising: Kate Bennett, Rebecca D’Amico, Zoe Discoli, Keigha Anderson, Bronle Brown, Jessamy Thornton, Lilly Sait, Macey Herbert and Zahra Morrish. The girls will travel to Melbourne by bus on Monday accompanied by Mrs Carmel Casale, Steve Morrish and Damon Morrish. We wish the girls good luck and look forward to hearing about their results.

HATS
In line with our Sun Smart policy all students need to wear a hat from September 1st to April 30th. Green bucket hats are part of the school uniform and can be purchased at school. We have purchased a new style of bucket hat which will provide more protection to complement the new school uniform policy. If you would like to get your child’s name embroidered on their hat please drop the hat off at the office with $5.00 cash. The hats will be embroidered over the holidays and will be ready for collection at the start of the 2013 school year.

SUNSMART PRESENTATION
Last Friday at assembly we were presented with a certificate recognising our dedication to maintaining a Sun Smart school. Cr John Arnold made the presentation on behalf of the Cancer Council.

2012 FAMILY CELEBRATION DINNER
On Monday 17th December the whole school will get together to celebrate the achievements and successes of many of our students. All families are invited to attend, have dinner and celebrate a fantastic year of learning completed by all of our students.

GRADE 6 DINNER & DISCO
Each year the Grade 6 students have a celebratory dinner and disco at school in the Multi Purpose Room. Notes have gone home to those involved and these need to be returned with $10 to cover costs, as soon as possible.

Diary Dates

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Possible. Thanks to the wonderful parents who organise the evening and prepare the meals.

**MEDICAL ACTION PLAN**

If your child suffers from asthma, anaphylaxis or allergy, we require an updated action plan that has been filled in and signed by your doctor. These plans need to be updated annually. Please ensure that you supply the school with a current plan.

**LAKE CULLULLERAINA**

Due to the success of this year’s trip to Lake Cullulleraine (check out the report and photos in the middle page) we have decided to again take next year’s Grade 4’s. The camp will take place from Wednesday 13th to Friday 15th February. Notes were sent home last week for those students involved.

**REPORTS**

Student reports are being written at the moment. These will be distributed on Thursday 21st at 2.15pm.

**PREP TRANSITION**

The new 2013 Preps were at school yesterday for their fourth transition day. This week the students used whiteboards to write their name and the word ‘I’, read some books and made some pictures using the peg boards. The Preps met their new buddies, which was very exciting! Next Tuesday they will be returning to work with Mrs Rowland and Miss Thompson.

**T20 BLAST CRICKET**

Tomorrow all the Grade 3 and 4 students will be involved in a T20 Blast Cricket competition (formally Kanga Cricket) at the Aerodrome Ovals. Thanks to the parents who are helping. Spectators are more than welcome!

**END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS**

The school year is quickly coming to an end. School will finish for students on Friday December 21st at 2.15pm. On Thursday December 20th all students will receive their end of year report. All students will also be advised of their class and teacher for 2013 on Thursday December 20th.

**ACTIVE AFTER-SCHOOL COMMUNITIES**

Yesterday was the final Golfing session for the this round of Active After-school Communities. The students have thoroughly enjoyed learning how to hold the club, pitch, putt and drive the ball. Yesterday’s activities included: driving the ball to hit a pole, putting a ball through a tube and pitching a ball into a hoop.

**LIBRARY BOOKS**

Please start hunting under beds and in bookcases for misplaced Library Books and take home books. We have many books missing and we would appreciate books being returned as soon as possible. We will be beginning our stocktake shortly.

**Relay for Life Schools**

We will be holding an Irymple South Relay For Life day on Wednesday 19th December. Relay for Life Schools is a fun, engaging way for students, teachers and parents to fight back against cancer, get active outdoors and learn about cancer prevention.

During the course of the day the students will be involved in a relay around the school oval, a disco and BBQ lunch.

Students are encouraged to dress up in a ‘Christmas’ theme.

All monies raised will be donated to the Cancer Council (http://schools.relayforlife.org.au).

**RELAY FOR LIFE SCHOOLS BBQ**

I can help organise the BBQ. **YES!**
I can help collate and distribute orders. **YES!**
I can help cook the BBQ on Wednesday 19th December. **YES!**

Name: ___________________________ Phone number: ___________________________
Child/ren: ___________________________ Grade: _____________

**STUDENT UNIFORMS FOR 2013**

Thank you to the students and parents who have already shown support for our new student uniform expectations. If you have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact the school. We stock all items at very reasonable prices. Come in and check out the new hats - they look fantastic!
**MELBOURNE STORM CLINIC**

On Tuesday the Grade 2 to 4 students had the opportunity to participate in a Rugby Clinic, which was organised through the Melbourne Storm Development Officers. The clinic focused on skills that would be needed to play Rugby. We would like to thank James, Lenny and Ryan for giving the children the opportunity to be involved.

**P.E. with Mrs Casale**

**STUDENT LEADERSHIP**

At Irymple South Primary School we value the benefits of Student Leadership. Next year we will be having 4 School Captains and 8 House Captains. The process and timeline for the selection of the School Captains and House Captains is outlined in the following table.

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<td>Students wanting to run for School Captain need to let Mr. Milsom know before the end of the day. A self-nomination form is available at any time from Mr. Milsom.</td>
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<td>School Captain speeches to be undertaken straight after Assembly. All parents/carers are invited to listen. These speeches will be directed at Grades 4-6 students. Voting takes place. Parents of 2013 School Captains are notified, along with the successful 2013 School Captains.</td>
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<td>By Thursday December 13th</td>
<td>Those students wanting to run for House Captain need to let Mr. Smith know before the end of the day. A self-nomination form is available at any time from Mr. Smith. 2013 School Captains announced at Student Assembly. House Captain speeches will be undertaken after Student Assembly. These speeches are aimed at Grade 2-6. Voting takes place.</td>
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<td>School Captains officially announced by Robyn Brooks (Principal) and Diedre Jaensch (School Council President). House Captains officially announced by 2012 Grade 4 House Captains.</td>
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**2012 End of Year Family celebration Dinner**

You are invited to our end of year celebrations!

On Monday 17th December, at 6:00pm, we will be celebrating the end of the 2012 school year. The evening will include:

- Grade 6 Graduation Speeches
- Grade 6 Dance
- Award Presentation
- Buddy Presentation
- Formal announcement of School Captains
- Formal announcement of House Captains

Bring your own picnic dinner or purchase dinner from the Enjoy Wine stall. Soft drinks and water will be available for purchase. Bring your own chairs and or picnic rugs.

All members of the school community are invited to attend.

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**THANKYOU**

A big thank you to Clare Lyttleton (1M) and her family for providing a trunk for all the dress-ups and costumes for the Music Room.
My favourite part was when we all patted the python. My best, best part was when we looked at the turtle. When turtles swim under water, they breathe out of their bottoms.

Lachie, Prep R

I learnt about snakes. You have to run away from snakes if you see one. I learnt about turtles. Turtles breathe out of their bottoms.

Lily, Prep R

Today we learnt about dangerous creature animals in our talk. When a spider bites you, your mum or dad will give you an ice pack. Then they will take you straight to hospital. You will have to stay there for two days. After two days hopefully the spider bite will be gone and then you can go home.

Eva, Prep T

Today we had a man come and talk about dangerous animals in Australia. He talked about redbacks, snakes, jellyfish and blue ringed octopus. We learnt that if a redback bites you, to put an ice block over it and then go straight to hospital.

Jameson, Prep T